

**MINUTES OF MEETING
ISLAND RTPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 11, 2012**

Attendance List

Arnie Peterschmidt, City of Oak Harbor
Bob Monize, Citizen
Challis Stringer, City of Langley
Dee Wells, Island Transit
Donna Keeler, RTPO Staff
Elizabeth Sjostrom, WSDOT
John Shambaugh, WSDOT
Marshall Bronson, Citizen

The meeting started at 1:00 PM. Elizabeth moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2012 TAC Meeting, seconded by Marshall. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Comprehensive Plan Updates: Draft Transportation Element Review Checklist

Donna thanked members for comments she received on the Draft Transportation Element Review Checklist and said she will take it forward to the Policy Board for review and final approval. The checklist establishes a process for allowing local RTPO's to certify the consistency of transportation elements of local comprehensive plans. The certification process is based on GMA requirements.

Elizabeth said she is compiling data on state highway systems to provide to local jurisdictions for their Comprehensive Plan updates. She plans to coordinate with each county and city during the plan updates.

Review and Approval of Draft SIRTPO Bylaws

TAC Members reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the Skagit-Island RTPO Bylaws. The revisions are needed to bring the bylaws up to date with current standards, regulations and procedures. Members suggested a few editorial changes and agreed to have staff take the draft document to the Island Sub-Regional Policy Board for review and approval.

Update on Transportation Alternate Funds

Staff discussed the status of TA -Transportation Alternative Funds under MAP 21, formerly known as Transportation Enhancement Funds. FHWA is in the process of "combing" through the new language to determine the types of projects and activities that will be eligible and how to distribute the funds accordingly. Donna said she expects Island County will receive 40% of the allocation to the region (Skagit and Island County). From the materials received to date, Island County will likely receive around \$100,000 and allocation letters will be sent out before the end of the year.

Discussion: Deception Pass Scenic Isle Way Monument and Corridor Management Plan

Donna described a site visit to Deception Pass Park with Park Manager Jack Hartt to discuss the monument sign and how to improve its visibility. Marshall said he was a member of the committee that worked on the monument signs. The goal at the time was to have the signs "fit in" but still be visible. Donna said she would like to reconvene members of the old committee to discuss the monument sign and possible alternatives to increase its visibility, including solar lighting. Marshall suggested talking to PSE.

Elizabeth asked about a Historic Roads – Historic Context grant project to take place in Island County in the near future, and suggested there may be guidance for signage under that process.

Discussion: Rural Mobility Grant Proposal – City of Langley

Challis said the City of Langley and the South Whidbey Port District submitted a Rural Mobility Grant Application for 2.5 million dollars to fund an overnight parking facility in Mukilteo and run a pilot program for Sunday shuttle service from the Clinton Ferry Terminal to Langley. The port would run the parking facility and the City would be in charge of the shuttle service. Members asked about implementation and phasing. Challis said the goal is to have the parking facility built as soon as possible. The first floor will have retail spaces and the parking will be above.

New Items

Elizabeth said she looked into a few options to prevent vehicles from parking in front of the Coupeville Ferry Terminal Scenic Isle Way Monument sign. As there are no safety issues, the state patrol is unable to prevent cars from parking at the site. However WSDOT engineering staff members are still looking into it. Donna said she will bring this up with the Scenic Isle Way Committee when it reconvenes.

Elizabeth said she checked with WSDOT staff on the light signal at Maxwellton Road and SR 525 and she was told it is working correctly. Challis said there appears to be a problem with the sensors at the light signal at SR 525 and Bayview Road. Elizabeth said she will look into it.

Arnie asked if future retrofits to the state highway will include bicycle sensors (traffic loops). Elizabeth said she is under the understanding that all future retrofits will require bicycles to be picked up.

The meeting ended at 2:20-ish.

Next TAC Meeting: November 8, 2012